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THE $1M YOGA POSE

Bikram Yoga mogul sues rival studio he says is stealing his 26-move sequence

▶ Lindsay Dombrowski, 28, does the Camel Pose at Yoga to the People, which is being sued by Bikram Choudhury, the inventor of the popular Bikram Yoga sequence.

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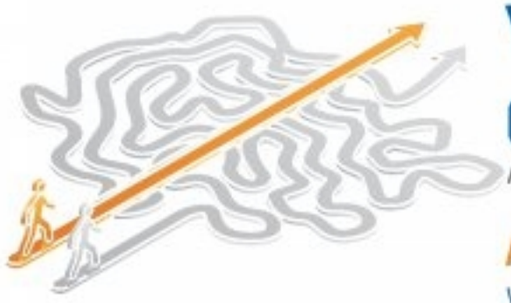

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Mayor: 'I have my own army'

Mayor Michael Bloomberg is in the spotlight for some comments he made during an appearance at MIT on Tuesday night where he talked about the possibility of running for president.

Hizzoner compared running New York City to running an entire country: "I have my own army in the NYPD, which is the seventh biggest army in the world. I have my own State Department, much to Foggy Bottom's annoyance. We have the United Nations in New York, and so we have an entree into the diplomatic world that Washington does not have."

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▶ Bloomberg

In other Bloomie news, a Manhattan judge ruled that he must turn over e-mails between him and former schools chancellor Cathie Black during the weeks before she was announced as chancellor. METRO

Yogis duke it out for posing rights

One yogi wants $1M for use of his signature moves Owner of a cheaper yoga studio says it's public knowledge, and not subject to copyright laws

These dueling yogis have their practices tied up in knots.

Bikram Choudhury, famed creator of Bikram Yoga, is suing Yoga to the People in the East Village for stealing his signature sequence of yoga poses.

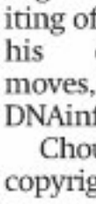
Choudhury is demanding $1 million from Gregory Gumucio, one of his former students and the owner of Yoga to the People, for profiting off of what he says are his copyrighted yoga moves, as first reported by DNAinfo.

Choudhury claims he has copyright protection of his sequence of 26 poses and 105-degree temperature environment, and says Gumucio's "Traditional Hot Yoga" classes are a ripoff of his idea.

"The use of the copyrighted material is limited to certified Bikram yoga studios," Robert Gilchrest, Choudhury's attorney said.

In order to become a Bikram-certified studio, Gilchrest said, instructors must pay $10,000 to study under Choudhury and get explicit permission from him to teach Bikram. The studios must also agree to only teach Bikram and no other form of yoga.

"Its crazy that [Choudhury] can think he owns yoga," Gumucio responded.



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▶ Students attend a "Traditional Hot Yoga" class last night at Yoga to the People. Bikram "yogi" spies were sent to monitor the classes, said Bikram Choudhury's attorney Robert Gilchrest.

Can you copyright a class?

Metro spoke with intellectual property lawyer Douglas Wyatt about the legality of the lawsuit.

"It is possible for yoga poses to be protected," Wyatt said. "The copyright statutes allow for the protection of expression, which includes things like dance."

He also said that the whopping $1 million price tag may not even be out of bounds.

"The valuation of copyright and copyrighted material depends on the market. There might not be an established rate," he said, referring to the range of how much people pay for a yoga class. Yoga to the People charges $8 per class; Bikram demands $20. METRO/EAE

Death follows pot arrest

STATEN ISLAND. An employee at The College of Staten Island died Tuesday after a police officer tried to arrest him for allegedly smoking pot on campus. A cop followed, Cory Holmes, 39, to a parking lot, according to the Daily News, and the two wrestled as Holmes tried to take his gun. After he was handcuffed, he went into cardiac arrest and later died. METRO/AB

▶ One of the suspects

W. Village burglars sought

WEST VILLAGE. Police are looking for two men who they say have been breaking into West Village homes. The men are suspected of five home invasions so far, said police, and usually enter the apartments through windows located near fire escapes. Some victims were asleep in their apartments and awoke to find the men inside. METRO/CB

'Nutcracker' this weekend

LINCOLN CENTER. Gov. Andrew Cuomo's gal pal, Sandra Lee, will be hosting The Nutcracker Family Benefit this Saturday, Dec. 3, at the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center. The benefit includes a matinee performance of the holiday classic "The Nutcracker," followed by lunch, and a chance to meet the ballet dancers. METRO/CB

In the news

Apple won't have to share

The Apple store won't have to share any money with its landlord, the MTA. The MTA owns Grand Central, where Apple will open next weekend. Experts predict it will make $100 million in sales, but is the only retailer there that won't have to pass along any money to the MTA. METRO/AB

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Top cop: Gilgo Beach murders likely the work of one Long Islander

Police have changed some major assumptions in the Gilgo Beach serial killer case, a Long Island police chief announced this week.

Investigators now believe that only one killer dumped all 10 victims on the barrier beaches, as opposed to an earlier guess that it might be multiple murderers hiding bodies on the same beach, police commissioner Richard Dormer told Newsday. He also said he thinks the killer lives on Long Island.

Dormer said cops now think that Shannan Gilbert, a prostitute whose disappearance led police to the area where 10 bodies were eventually found, is not connected to the serial killer pattern.

"We believe that it's just a coincidence," Dormer said, of Gilbert's bizarre disappearance.

Cops first found remains in 2010 while they were looking for Gilbert, 24. The bodies were dumped in several places in Nassau and Suffolk counties. One of the bodies may have been killed and buried as far back as 1996 — and the last as recently as April.

Gilbert's family is holding a vigil for her on Dec. 11, a year after the first bodies were found.

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▶ Investigators comb the Long Island beach where several sets of human remains were found last December.

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Office cleaners vow they are ready to strike

Vote expected today to authorize work stoppage over labor dispute Rockefeller, ESB could be left in lurch

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▶ The city's office cleaners are vowing they will stop working if a new contract can't be hammered out by Jan. 1.

Don't take those empty wastebaskets for granted — office cleaners are threatening to strike across the city.

Members of 32BJ of the Service Employees International Union will vote today on whether to authorize a strike, which could happen as early as Jan. 1, a union spokesman said.

A strike would mean 22,000 office cleaners citywide would refrain from cleaning 1,500 buildings, including the Time Warner Center, Rockefeller Center and Empire State Building.

"We cannot take all these cuts that they want to do. ... We can't even afford to live in the city. Everything's just so expensive."
IVAN ALMENDAREZ

The union threatened to strike four years ago, but struck a deal. The last strike was in 1996, and lasted for a month. Office managers scrambled during that time to find people to clean bathrooms and pick up trash.

32BJ member Ivan Almendarez, 36, a janitor at NYU, said the strike was a last resort and that members do not want to inconvenience tenants.

But, said the Bronx resident, his $47,000 salary does not support his two children, 10 and 15, and cancer-stricken wife, who all depend on him.

"We're barely making it," he told Metro.

He's worried that under new proposals, incoming workers would get paid less than what he makes — and put him at risk of getting fired.

"We see that as a slap in the face," said Kwame Patterson, an SEIU spokesman.

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Preparations

The Realty Advisory Board, a group that represents building owners, warned yesterday that a strike is indeed possible. RAB President Howard Rothschild said they are not trying to cut jobs, but added, "To keep the current employees steady, we need to reduce costs with future employees." Rothschild issued tips for building owners on what to do if cleaners walk out:

- Make sure all building maintenance is up to date: Contactors and repair workers cannot cross union picket lines.
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20 charged in stripper trafficking

Twenty people were charged yesterday in a ring that allegedly forced Eastern European women to perform in strip clubs.

Federal prosecutors said the women were brought to the United States and forced to work at clubs, including Cheetah's Gentlemen's Club in Midtown and Gallagher's in Long Island City, NY1 reported.

Many of the suspects were Mafia members, with names like Grandfather and Tommy D., according to The New York Times, and were part of several crime families.

The suspects recruited women through the Internet and newspapers, prosecutors said, illegally getting them visas so that the women could travel. They then housed the women around the city and brought them to and from the strip clubs, where they were required to perform as exotic dancers.

Other women were forced into fake marriages to give them legal status, prosecutors allege.

The defendants are also accused of extorting money from the clubs by threatening violence, all while keeping tabs on the women they forced to work there.

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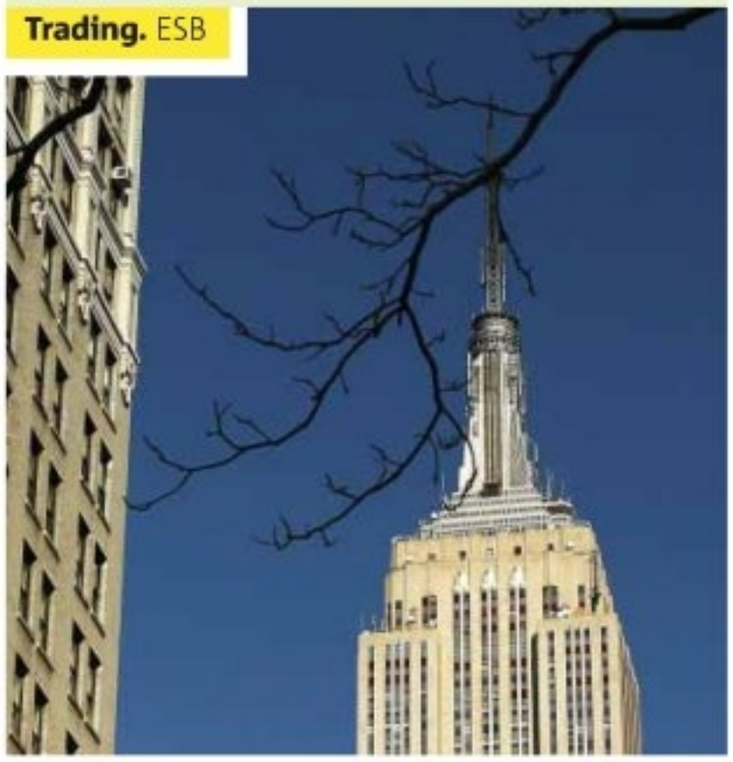

NYC icon going public?

Malkin Holdings LLC, the family-owned company that supervises the portfolio of office properties that includes the Empire State Building, has filed notice with the Securities and Exchange Commission acknowledging that it may become a publicly traded company. The filing could pave the way for an initial public offering, thus making the Empire State Building part of a publicly-traded real estate investment company.

Police search for drive-by molester

ELMHURST. Cops are searching for a man they say has been stopping young girls and asking them for directions before molesting them. In the first crime, on Nov. 7, police say a man pulled up to a 12-year-old girl on 54th Avenue in Queens at around 8 a.m., leaving the car to ask her if she knew an address. Then, police say, the girl entered the car, where the man groped her. A similar

crime happened Nov. 25, when a man driving on 55th Avenue stopped another 12-year-old, asking for directions. After the girl said she could not help, he groped her over her clothing, cops said. Each time, the man, described as about 40 years old, was driving a white car. METRO/AB

Fetus found in trash

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS. A man hunting for recyclables instead found a dead fetus in the trash Tuesday in Washington Heights. Cops said the fetus was about 24 weeks old and wrapped in plastic inside a bucket. The grisly discovery occurred behind a building on West 191st Street, where the son of the building's super told the Daily News that residents would need a key to get into the garbage area. The NYPD is waiting on an autopsy from the medical examiner.

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In search of a vaccine

It's World AIDS Day, and a year ago AIDS researchers were close to developing a vaccine against HIV One year later, there's still no vaccine Why is it taking so long and when will a vaccine finally be available?

Thanks to modern drugs HIV/AIDS patients are leading nearly normal lives — but that's not enough.

"Millions of people are receiving anti-retroviral drugs," explains Dr. Wayne Koff, Chief Scientific Officer at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. "But for every person who receives anti-retroviral drugs, two new people are getting infected with HIV. From an economic point of view, the virus is winning the race. We can't treat our way out of this epidemic."

For 30 years researchers have tried to develop a vaccine. Now, for the first time, they're having success. In 2009 a team of US and Thai researchers produced a vaccine that protected against HIV in 31 percent of cases.

"And the past 18 months have been a turning point," says Koff. "A decade ago, we'd look at the protein of the virus like a piece of clay and wonder what the sculpting would look like. Now the clay has turned into a key that we just need to fit into the lock."

The key Koff refers to is a protein surrounding the HIV virus, which neutralizing antibodies can attach to.

These antibodies, whose function is to prevent a wide range of HIV types from infecting their target cells, are crucial to the development of a vaccine.

Earlier this year Spanish scientists tested a HIV vaccine on 24 patients. Twenty-two developed some sort of immune response. Scientists have also discovered a protein named SAMHD1, which can prevent the virus HIV from replicating.

Dr. Michelle Webb at the University of Manchester's School of Biomedicine tells Metro: "If we can prevent the HIV virus from replicating, it's a very important step toward a vaccine."

Even if a vaccine is developed, babies may not get an HIV shot along with the usual vaccinations against rubella and chickenpox.

"Babies in developing countries with high HIV infection rates may get it," says Webb. "But in the West, it would be controversial. Parents wouldn't allow it."

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▶ Scientist in IAVI's Vaccine Design and Development Laboratory: "A piece of clay has turned into a key. Now we just have to fit it."

Why it takes so long?

It's not that researchers haven't tried before. But vaccines take a long time to develop — the polio vaccine took 47 years — and HIV is a particularly challenging virus. It's a highly mutable virus and poses different issues across the globe – essentially, a moving target. "It's impossible to predict how long it will take until we have a HIV vaccine," says Koff. "But we now know what the Achilles heel of the virus is. Three years ago we did not have that very knowledge." METRO

Quick Q&A

'Gradual progress'

Prof. Jonathan Weber, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London

What's the challenge in developing a HIV vaccine?
The fundamental challenge is that the body doesn't have natural immunity against HIV like it does with diseases like flu and measles. With such diseases, scientists have a starting point in developing vaccines; with HIV, they don't. And HIV has many variations, which makes developing a vaccine challenging.

What's happening now?
There's a lot of research, but there won't be a big breakthrough moment in HIV vaccine development soon. The progress is gradual. The Thai vaccine trial in 2009 was mildly successful, so several new projects building on those results may be launched in the next few months. METRO

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▶ Protestors are marking their calendars for Bank transfer Day on Dec. 11.

Protestors zero in on Dec. 11 as day to switch credit load

Hot on the heels of Bank Transfer Day, in which a disgruntled Bank of America customer encouraged people to transfer their accounts from major banks to local banks and credit unions, comes Dec. 11's Balance Transfer Day — which has credit cards in the crosshairs.

The objective of the movement is to get credit card holders to transfer their outstanding debts from high-interest credit cards to cards with zero-interest rates and zero-balance-transfer fees issued by credit unions and small, community banks.

"We are not speaking for abolishing interest rates on credit cards, we merely feel that it would be fair if they could be a little lower than today's average, which is around 16 percent, especially since we bailed out those banks with our own money in 2008," organizers say on their Facebook page.

"Banks receive millions ... from the federal government at interest rates as low as 0%. ... Yet, we the consumers are charged costly fees and interest rates."
BALANCE TRANSFER DAY STATEMENT ON FACEBOOK

The main issue that organizers want to bring to light is how banks and credit card providers lure customers with introductory zero-interest rates offers that end in six months to a year. After the promotion expires, banks "are allowed to charge any interest rate they see profitable," organizers say.

Another option is to transfer a portion of your debt to credit card with a zero percent APR, organizers say. Even if the impact is temporary, the hope is that there will be long-term effects in getting better terms and conditions for customers struggling in tough economic times. **MAINSTREET.COM**

EU money chief says 10 days till ruin

Europe faces a crucial 10 days to save the euro zone after agreeing to ramp up the firepower of its bailout fund but acknowledging it may have to turn to the International Monetary Fund for more help to avert financial disaster.

"We are now entering the critical period of 10 days to complete and conclude the crisis response of the European Union," Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn .

Euro zone ministers agreed on Tuesday night on detailed plans to leverage the European Financial Stability Mechanism, but could not say by how much. **REUTERS**

Private sector adds most jobs

Companies created the most jobs in nearly a year in November, adding to cautious optimism that the country's battered labor market is working its way toward healing.

Better-than-expected housing and regional factory data released yesterday reinforced the view that the economy should avoid recession, though growth is unlikely to be brisk. **REUTERS**

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Embattled Cain presses ahead with presidential hopes

- Says accusation of affair is 'character assassination'
- Denies allegations but is reassessing campaign

Republican Herman Cain plowed ahead with his struggling presidential campaign yesterday, vowing he would not be pushed out of the race by allegations of an extramarital affair and calling the charges "character assassination."

At two campaign stops in Ohio, Cain said his supporters were sticking with him despite the latest controversy and accused his critics of trying to bring down his upstart White House bid.

"They want you to believe that with enough character assassination on me that I will drop out," Cain said in Dayton, drawing a chorus of "boo" and shouts of "no" from the crowd.

"One of the reasons they want to try and shoot me down and tear me down is because of the strength of my message," he said.

Earlier, in West Chester, Ohio, he said critics were trying to end his campaign, but added: "I don't believe that America is going to let that happen."

Cain, 65, denies he had an affair with Atlanta businesswoman Ginger White, who claims their 13-year, on-and-off relationship began in the mid-1990s. But he says he is reassessing the viability of his campaign.

"We are reassessing as we speak," Cain said, adding he would decide in the next few days whether to continue his bid to be the Republican challenger next year to President Barack Obama. REUTERS

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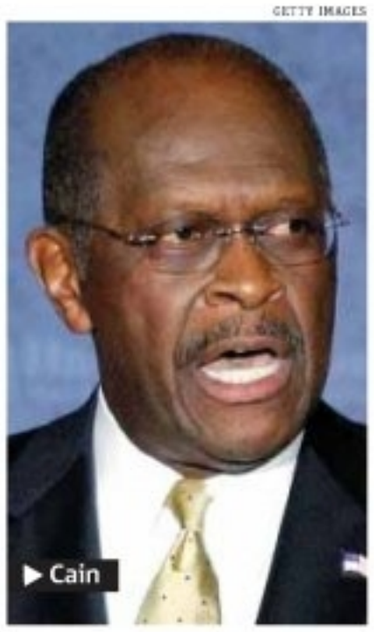

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Good for them

If Herman Cain departed from the presidential campaign, Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney would benefit most, according to an analysis. Support for Romney and Gingrich would rise by 3 percentage points each, against the 1- or 2-point bumps. The shift would not reorder the standings, with Gingrich remaining in first and Romney second.

Biden: Pullout brings new phase with Iraq

BAGHDAD. Vice President Joe Biden said yesterday the U.S. troop withdrawal from Iraq by the end of the year opened a new phase in relations between the two countries, including a robust security partnership.

The remaining 13,000 U.S. troops in Iraq are scheduled to leave by the end of the year when a bilateral security pact expires, nearly nine years after the U.S. invasion that ousted dictator Saddam Hussein.

"We are embarking on a new ... and a comprehensive relationship between the United States and Iraq as sovereign partners," Biden said. REUTERS

metro MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2011

Jennifer Lopez, Eminem and Hillary Clinton yesterday received their first nominations in the 2012 Metro Man and Woman of the Year event.

And Kris Lima of Boston became the first person to nominate Steve Jobs. "The outpouring when he passed and the impact he has had, and continues to have, on all of us, makes him the obvious choice," said Kris.

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US wants to know about cyber threats

The U.S. government and companies would be encouraged to share information about cybersecurity threats and hacker attacks under legislation unveiled by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers.

The measure would shield companies from lawsuits and public disclosure requirements when they inform federal agencies about their security vulnerabilities and the type of cyber attacks they experienced, Rogers, a Michigan Republican, said yesterday.

"There is an economic cyberwar going on today against U.S. companies," Rogers said in a statement. "Economic predators, including nation-states, are blatantly stealing business secrets and innovation from private companies. This cybersecurity bill goes a long way in helping American businesses better protect their networks and their intellectual property."

U.S. lawmakers have increased scrutiny of network security in the wake of hacking incidents at companies including Sony and Citigroup. The National Counterintelligence Executive said this month that hackers and illicit programmers in China and Russia are pursuing American industrial secrets, jeopardizing an estimated $398 billion in U.S. research. BLOOMBERG

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White House. Christmas

▶ The official tree is decorated with framed military medals and handmade holiday cards created by military children living on bases around the world.

Beginning to look a lot like Christmas

First lady Michelle Obama welcomed military families to the White House for the first viewing of the 2011 White House Christmas decoration. The decorations' theme, 'Shine Give, Share,' runs through the White House with a 400-pound White House Gingerbread House and 37 Christmas trees, including the official 18-foot, 6-inch balsam fir tree in the Blue Room that honors Blue Star military families.

Creative types more likely to cheat

Consider yourself creative? Then you're also more likely to cheat, according to a new study by Harvard University's Business School.

"In our research, we find that both a creative personality and being in a creative mind set help people resolve the conflict more easily and give into the temptation to cheat," says Associate Professor of Business Administration Francesca Gino, co-author of the study. "In fact, creativity allows people to come up with many good reasons why their unethical actions are not so bad after all — they rationalize them." METRO

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joan Rivers is looking out for the incarcerated, Martha Stewart doesn't appreciate being corrected, Matthew Perry is unimpressed by transportation and Conan O'Brien is rethinking his online purchases.

@Joan_Rivers: Everyone is happy that Conrad Murray was sentenced to four years in prison, except for other inmates suffering from insomnia.

@MarthaStewart: twitter is not necessarily the place to worry about grammar,spelling and syntax- i just try to fit my thoughts into 140 characters or less..

@MatthewPerry: I'm on a train. Whatever.

@ConanOBrien: Not gonna say what I bought, but Amazon just reviewed my order and said, "You might also be interested in therapy."

Perry

A 'neurotic' Aniston can't win

Oh, hey: In Touch Weekly is reporting that **Jennifer Aniston**, who makes her money by being ultra thin and beautiful, is concerned about gaining weight and not exercising enough. You don't say!

Since the actress quit smoking in hopes of getting pregnant, she "complains nonstop about how fat she is," a source tells In Touch, which makes new beau **Justin Theroux** annoyed. "Justin really can't believe how vain Jennifer is. He will want to go to a restaurant and Jen will say that the food's too fattening or that she can't stay up late because she's getting up at 6 a.m. to go to a workout." They continue: "It's hard [for him] to deal with her neurotic side."

I'd be neurotic too if the entire tabloid press were on high alert for photos of me looking a little bit chunkers so they can scream that I'm pregnant. Justin, let that lady wake up at 6 a.m. to go work out! She's bringing home the bacon with those gams.

Aniston wants to stay this way

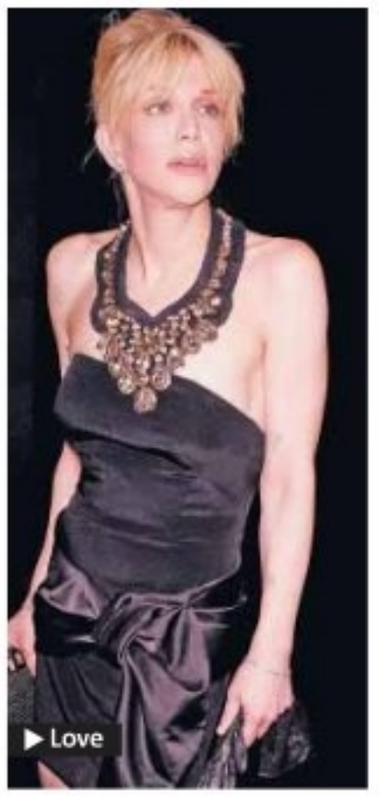
More bad life choices for Lindsay Lohan

Well, if this doesn't spell the end for **Lindsay Lohan**, I don't know what does: **Courtney Love**, a woman once so wasted she was photographed having a stranger suck her bare nipple at a Wendy's, is apparently Lindsay Lohan's new sobriety coach.

Yes, in the new issue of Details, Love says she's taken on the role "because nobody else will."

Love says she is using her past to show Lohan that she is making a mistake by using drugs. "I went up to Lindsay's room one time and there was a show on called '101 Celebrity Oops' and I am like, every other one. You know — boobs out, legs everywhere, throwing s— at Madonna, you know, whatever," **Kurt Cobain**'s widow told the magazine. "I'm like, 'Lindsay, look! Drugs are bad!'"

Lohan



Love

Love, whose daughter recently filed a restraining order against her, claims she's been clean since 2005.

Does anyone need to know how bad of an idea this is? Having Courtney Love as your sobriety coach makes about as much sense has having **Chris Farley** as your weight-loss guru.

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Talking points

Cooper's new leading lady?

Bradley Cooper reportedly spent a romantic day in Paris with French actress **Melanie Laurent**, prompting rumors that the two are dating, according to Us Weekly. Cooper, who is fluent in French, lunched on the Boulevard St. Germain with Laurent before heading to the theater for a matinee. The pair then headed back to Cooper's hotel for a private dinner.

Bradley Cooper

Melanie Laurent

Moore tunes out for some 'me' time

It turns out **Demi Moore** wasn't on hand for youngest daughter **Tallulah**'s recent debutante ball in Paris because she stayed back in L.A. for some "me time." Moore, who recently filed for divorce from **Ashton Kutcher**, was spotted enjoying a dinner with close friend and florist **Eric Butterbaugh** at the Sunset Tower Hotel, according to Us Weekly. Sources note, "[Moore] seemed fine, in a good mood and laughing. She was just with her friend having a nice night out." Another source adds, "It didn't look like a romantic date."

ScarJo loves the bad boys

Scarlett Johansson admits she has a thing for bad boys, so to speak. "I'm attracted to the quality of being adventurous and perhaps a bit mischievous and also questioning authority and being proactive," Johansson, who recently dated **Sean Penn**, tells Cosmopolitan. "If that makes up a quintessential bad boy, then whatever. I'm not at all attracted to meanness or bullying, but I do think conviction is attractive. I mean, really, who doesn't?" One thing she doesn't find attractive, though, is over-sharing: "I don't have a Facebook or a Twitter account," she says. "I don't know how I feel about this idea of, 'Now, I'm eating dinner, and I want everyone to know that I'm having dinner at this time.' That, to me, is a very strange phenomenon. I can't think of anything I'd rather do less than have to continuously share details of my everyday life."

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Mission impossible: Exiting the airport

1: Pamela Anderson unveiled the Vegetarian Icons Postage Sheet as part of the "PETA Goes Postal" campaign at Hollywood Post Office in Hollywood, Calif., on Tuesday.

2: Tom Cruise arrived in Tokyo, Japan, yesterday to promote his upcoming film "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol."

3: Lady Antebellum was honored at the 2011 CMT Artists of the Year celebration at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday. Other honorees included Brad Paisley, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean and Taylor Swift.

4: At the New York City's eighth annual UNICEF Snowflake ball at Cipriani's on Tuesday, Sarah Jessica Parker dressed the part by showing up in a Louis Vuitton dress, looking like a petite speck of snowflake.

5: Sarah McLachlan performed at the 2011 Bryant Park Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in New York City on Tuesday.

6: Bono and Alicia Keys attended a private screening of the documentary "Keep A Child Alive With Alicia Keys" at Tribeca Grand Hotel in New York City on Tuesday.

7: Michael Buble made an appearance at J&R Music & Computer World for its 40th anniversary celebration in New York City on Tuesday.

8: Alan Cumming attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at The New York Palace in New York City on Tuesday.

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5 Reasons to go to the movies

Must-see

▶ "Shame"

1 **'Shame'** In artist/director Steve McQueen's second film, Michael Fassbender plays a sex-addicted New Yorker who has no trouble finding ways to quench his lusts — until his sister unexpectedly drops in for an extended stay.

2 **'Sleeping Beauty'** Lucy is an unusual college student. Allowing herself to be the subject of scientific experiments that decide if she'll have sex with a man by coin toss, this girl will roll over when it comes to just about anything. Then she gets a high-paying job offer as a high-end escort. And she can do it in her sleep — literally.

3 **'The Muppets'** The Muppets reunite to save the old studio that was home to the show that brought them fame. New pal, super fan and fellow Muppet Walter helps the gang come together to fight the power.

4 **'Arthur Christmas'** Just how does Santa get all those presents delivered in one night? With a S.W.A.T. team of elves, of course! "Arthur Christmas" answers all the burning questions you've ever had about Claus.

5 **'Hugo'** Martin Scorsese's venture into family film makes sense when you realize it's primarily about real-life filmmaker Georges Melies and his life spent creating some of the first films ever made. METRO

Borat meets Scorsese

As Sacha Baron Cohen emerges from a two-year hiatus, he talks about making 'Hugo' with the icon

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▶ Sacha Baron Cohen is the station inspector intent on locking up orphans in "Hugo."

Since the release of his 2009 film "Bruno," comic actor and writer Sacha Baron Cohen has largely stayed out of the spotlight. But two years of hermitage draw to a close as Baron Cohen promotes "Hugo," the new Martin Scorsese 3-D film about a young tinkerer named Hugo Cabret who meets legendary filmmaker Georges Melies in 1930s France. Baron Cohen plays the station inspector that's onto the orphaned boy, who makes his home in the clock towers of the rail station. Baron Cohen recently spoke on working with Scorsese for the film and his own creative contributions to the process.

We're used to seeing your irreverent and subversive side. What was it like to play an authority figure and a sexually inhibited person?
Who said I was inhibited in this? I have a bath with a dog [in the film]. What happened beneath the bubbles is our business. There is a bit of romance between myself and Emily [Mortimer's] character, which is actually the first romantic plot I've had that's not been with a black prostitute or a man. So, that was a little bit different.

Did you consider your character's backstory?
Certainly, when I approached the character of the station inspector I wanted to know why he was so obsessed with chasing children. Was he actually a classic villain or was there reason for his malice? We started to think perhaps he was a World War I veteran and maybe he was injured, so that's where we got the idea of the leg brace. Originally, it was a false leg. It was going to be the first chase and then I was going to turn a corner and then my leg was going to fly off into camera in 3-D.

Where did you find the magic in this film?
It felt like it was the logical extension of filmmaking, that if Melies was alive, that he definitely would've been using 3-D. That was interesting because of the debate in cinema at the moment, whether 3-D is a gimmick or not. Scorsese really showed that it was a logical development of the filmmaking process.

On Scorsese

How was working with Martin Scorsese?

▶ He's totally collaborative. ... Part of the reason why his films are that successful and that enduring is the fact that he's ready to collaborate fully with all of his actors. I came up with some really absurd ideas, [and] he was ready to try them out — which was worrying for the producer and the financiers of the movie. But for me, it was great.

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TV watch list

▶ Steve DeAngelo

'Weed Wars'

REALITY. Harborside Health Center, the nation's largest medicinal cannabis dispensary, is run by a colorful cast of characters — including David Weddingdress, the director of holistic services, who prefers to wear a dress. But this is a serious business with serious consequences — because federal law doesn't legally recognize the use and sale of marijuana for medical purposes, "at any moment, the federal government could come bursting through our doors and arrest us and prosecute us and do terrible things to our lives," says founder Steve DeAngelo. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Discovery**

'CMA Country Christmas'

SPECIAL. Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles hosts this holiday special featuring performances by Keith Urban, Martina McBride and more. But we have a feeling that guest Miss Piggy is going to steal the show.
9 p.m., ABC

'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'

COMEDY. The Gang's attempts to catch a showing of the action blockbuster "Thunder Gun Express" before it leaves theaters is thwarted by traffic caused by the visiting president. Maybe they can just catch it on DVD and remake it in the vein of their "Lethal Weapon 5" production.
10 p.m., FX AMBER RAY

GUIDE TO HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOPS

▶ Dylan's Candy Bar
The store promises to impress with a life-size gingerbread house, the world's largest candy Christmas tree and a daily assortments of handcrafted cupcakes.
Through Jan. 1
1095 Avenue of the Americas, 866-939-5267

▶ MoMA design store at Grand Central Terminal
MoMA 's first pop-up shop at Grand Central Terminal's Holiday Fair lets last-minute shoppers pick up goodies from a selection of tightly edited prewrapped gifts, ornaments, greeting cards and more.
Through Dec. 24
Grand Central Station, Vanderbilt Hall, 42nd Street and Park Avenue, www.grandcentralterminal.com

▶ MoMA

▶ Max Brenner is at the Holiday Shops at Bryant Park.

▶ Alesssi at Dekalb Market
The Italian kitchen and housewares company's pop-up will feature gifts such as coffee makers, stainless steel spaghetti measures, purse hooks, spoon rests, chili crushers and more.
Through Dec. 31
138 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, www.dekalbmarket.com

▶ Sant-A-Box at Dekalb Market
Forget the boring old mall Santa — take your tikes to Sant-A-Box. Visit Santa on weekends to pose with him in an eco-friendly, repurposed shipping container designed to look like a winter wonderland. On weekdays, grab one of the market's costumes and snap your own shots.
Through Dec. 24
138 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, www.dekalbmarket.com

▶ Warby Parker market
An old garage space in SoHo has been transformed into a holiday shopping experience. Inside, shoppers will find stylish eyeglasses from NYC-based frames-sellers Warby Parker.
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RE: Veterans and the vote

Mr. Palamaro's point is well taken, but fails to appreciate the reality of our current politics. Republicans and Democrats aren't "bickering" over simple policy. Rather, they can't even agree on the empirical reality everyday Americans are facing. And the GOP is eager to deny the existence of both massive unemployment and even greater income inequality, all while pursuing policies that will make it worse. OWS is the first (and hopefully not the last) manifestation of the collective voice Mr. Palamaro is calling for.

JOSEPH CONNELL, BROOKLYN

RE: Thank you Occupy Wall St.

Your opinion — to thank the malcontent parasites protesting their inability to carve out a life for themselves — got my attention. I notice you don't thank our forefathers for their sacrifices in creating this country. You don't thank the men and women in the military who risk their lives so that you may have the freedom to express your beliefs, nor the police or firefighters who ensure we can continue to live in a civilized community. You should have thanked the people who gave you a job where the most dangerous thing you have to worry about is a paper cut. I'm thanking my Cockatoo for his perfect aim. As soon as I relined his cage, he left a large deposit on your "opinion."

TIM FAULKNER, VIA EMAIL

Average Joe of the Year

I do have a lot of recommendees for the "Man and Woman of the year 2011," but they are already famous and these names need not be recognized further. Instead, I recommend the category "Ordinary man/woman on the street." I, for instance, propose myself as the "Man of the Year 2011." This is my most opportune time to thank you in public for the unselfish contribution that Metro has freely given to men and women on the street, especially in these hard economic times.

DAN M. VENZON, WOODSIDE, NY

Black Friday or Vendredi Noir?

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WILLY MACHAN, MANHATTAN

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Horoscope

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♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** This is likely to be a favorable day for you where new adventures or enterprises are concerned. It'll be especially so for anything that you'll have a hand in bringing about.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Something that was financially fortunate for you previously could be so again. Don't change anything that worked well the first time.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** A couple of friends could play more prominent roles in your affairs than they have done in the past. Each party could be lucky for the other.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** One of your greatest assets is your ability to derive benefits or advantages from shifting circumstances. Be as supple as a reed in the wind.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If at all possible, devote some time to an exciting, fresh interest that has captured your fancy. This new pastime could have greater ramifications for your life than you think.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Couple your will to win with your imagination, and visualize the type of results you hope to achieve — along with some changes you would like to make. They're doable.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Your ability to absorb and catalog all types of new information is better than usual at this time. Strive to utilize this gift to your best advantage.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Chances are you'll be luckier than usual, but not necessarily in ways of your choosing. Even though benefits will be influenced by what you can't control, you'll like what occurs.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Team up with others, because fortuitous developments can be generated through partnerships, especially those springing from a social involvement.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** An adverse situation that you've been working at changing for the better is likely to take that turn at last. Instead of producing negatives, it could bring you something nice.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A friend of yours is likely to be the purveyor of some good news, but neither you nor your pal will be aware of this until you talk. It could be a surprise to both of you when you do. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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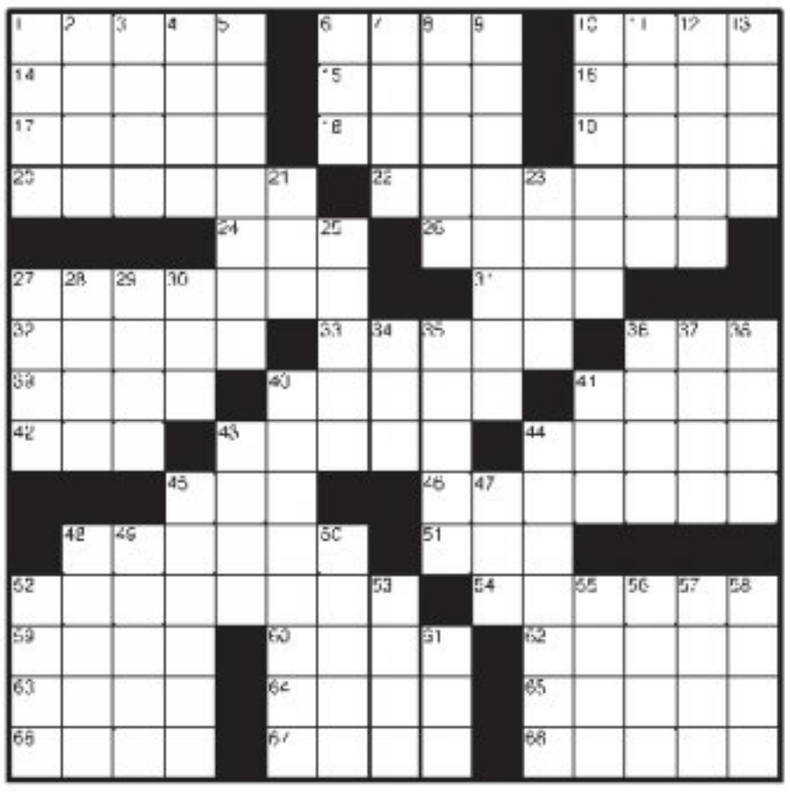

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7. You didn't splurge on boots, but these laces will keep him looking dapper. **hook + ALBERT laces, $14,** www.hookand albert.com

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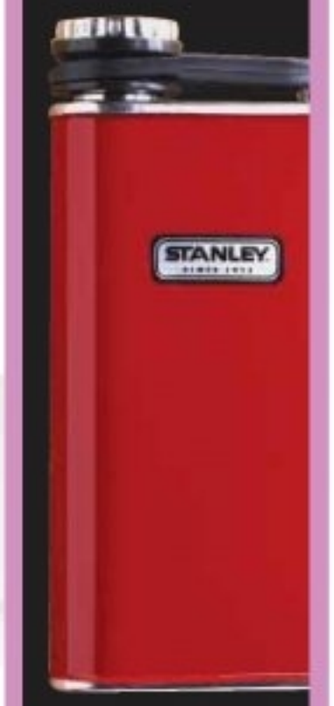
For his pocket

The handsome Stanley flask now comes in red. We'll drink to that. $24, www.restoration hardware.com



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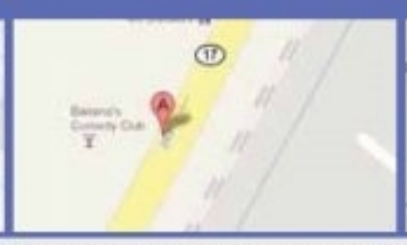

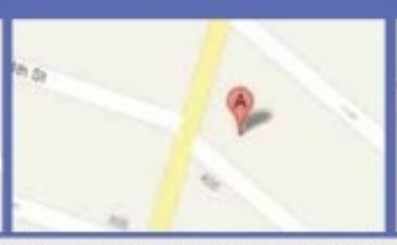

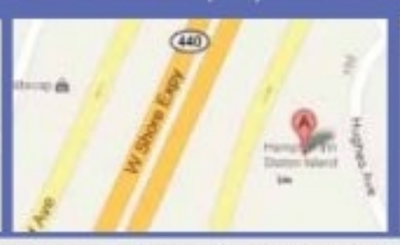

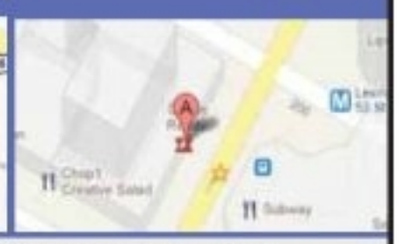

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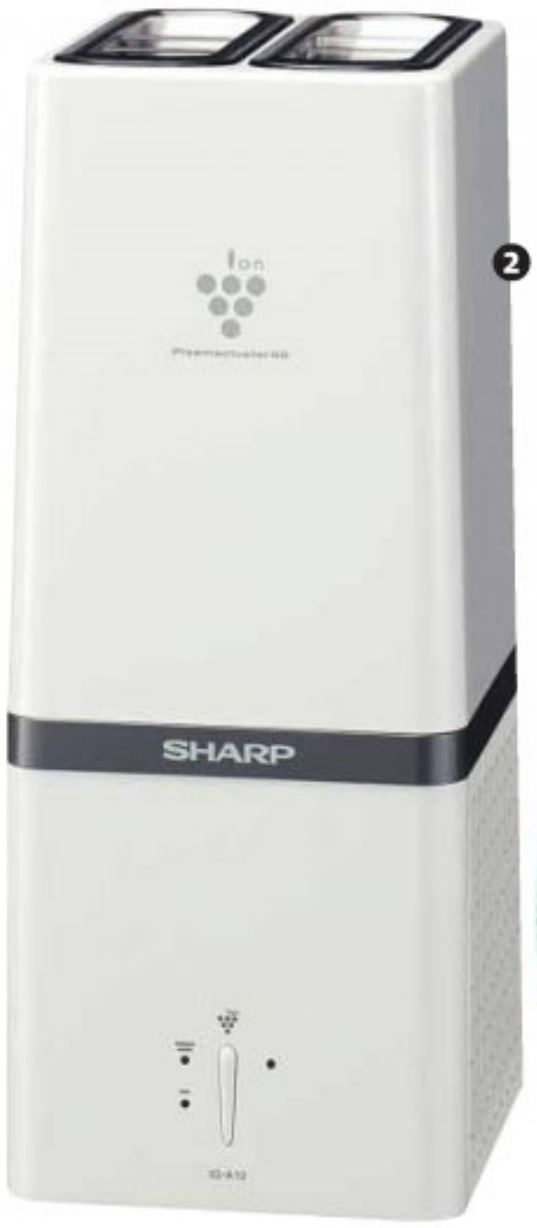

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3. For your bon vivant: This collection includes classic songs from 1920s blues to modern hip-hop, along with truffles made with the popular ingredient from each era. **Vosges Haut Chocolate Groove Truffle collection, $125, www.vosgeschocolate.com**

4. A hip and warm sleeping bag for when he high-tails it to the mountains. **L.L. Bean Flannel-lined Camp Sleeping Bag, $70, www.llbean.com**

5. Everything tastes better with bubbles. **iSi Twist 'N Sparkle Soda Maker, $50, www.twistnsparkle.com**

6. He can fool the world behind these shades. No one will suspect what a big dork he really is. **Persol PO30085, $360, www.sunglasshut.com**

7. This software, created by a team of neuroscientists, helps exercise brain muscles and counteracts all the time he spends watching SPIKE TV. **Pro Mental Coach, $140, www.promentalcoach.com**

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2 He drinks this stuff like it's water, so he might as well learn how to brew a batch. **Brooklyn Brew Shop's Beer Making Book, $14,** www.amazon.com

3 Cupcakes with bacon and whiskey! These are his kinds of desserts. **The Butch Bakery Cookbook, $20,** www.wiley.com

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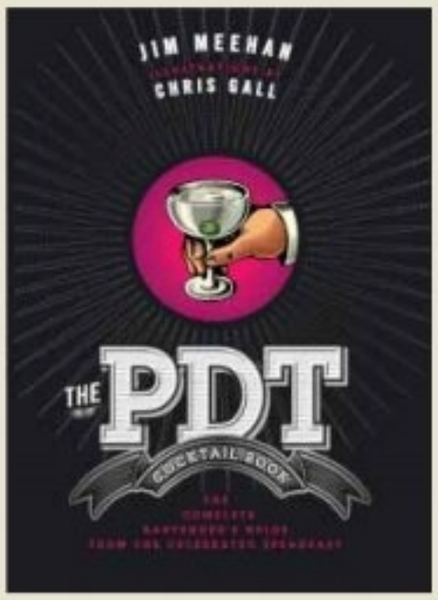

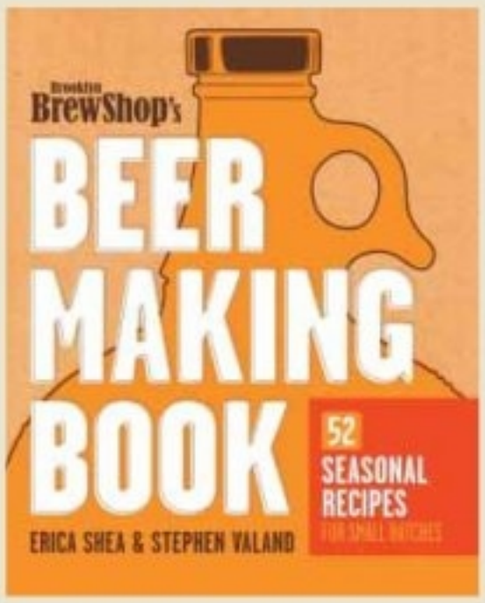

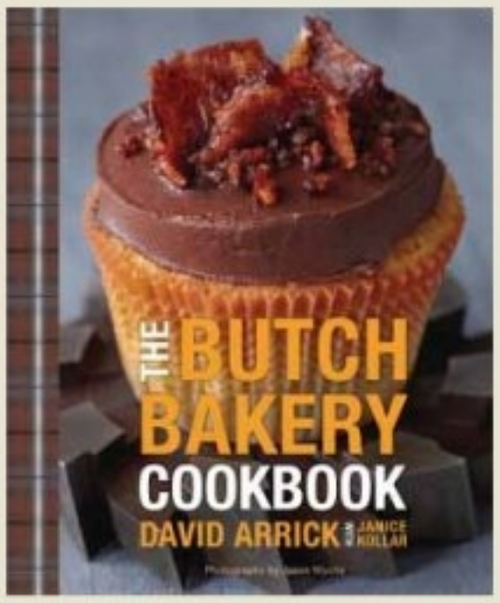

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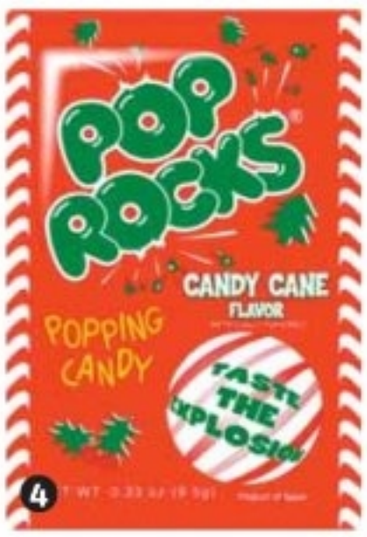

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Fatty liver lives on in New York

Although foie gras is being banned in California, the delicacy — and the debate — is still a mainstay here

The rich, nutty flavor of foie gras (French for "fatty liver") adds a certain haute class to any dining experience. But animal-rights activists protest the delicacy, which is made by force-feeding geese or duck so their livers swell to many times their natural size. And in California, a ban on foie gras begins in 2012 due to pressure from animal advocates and chefs like Wolfgang Puck.

But not to worry: New Yorkers looking for some pate or even a foie gras doughnut (check out Do or Dine in Bed-Stuy) won't have any trouble with the law — and certainly not with the chefs. For David Diaz, chef of Beaumarchais in the Meatpacking district, it's the ultimate test of skill in the kitchen. "It's a delicate ingredient. If you don't use it right, you're going to waste it; and you'd be wasting a lot of money."

For Chef Roberto Deiaco of Armani/Ristorante in Midtown, foie gras should stay exclusive. Deiaco grew up on a farm and feels strongly that specialty ingredients should not be overused. "Foie gras is a small part of an animal that is very highly appreciated. It shouldn't be served at just any restaurant," he says.

So for now, the barrier between New Yorkers and a slice of goose liver is the one on the right-hand side of the menu: the price.

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CHASE CALABRAL

▶ Beaumarchais serves the Terrine de Foie Gras Maison, made with homemade foie gras filled with fig and sauternes.

COURTESY OF LA SILHOUETTE

▶ At La Silhouette, in Midtown, the Pate de Campagne takes a simple and down-to-earth approach to foie gras, serving it with country terrine, pistachios and sour cherries.

Foie gras like an Egyptian

Though foie gras is traditionally used as part of French cuisine, it was discovered by the Egyptians. According to Diaz, geese didn't have to be force-fed in the time of the Pharoah. "Foie gras occurs naturally," he recounts. "Back in the Egyptian times, people noticed the geese along the valley would gorge on food before their migration. If you caught them before the migration, their livers would be engorged. They found that it was a delicacy and the Pharoah wanted to eat it."

For grass not foie gras!

Bruce Friedrich, spokesman for the animal rights organization Farm Sanctuary, believes that there is no excuse for foie gras. "The science on foie gras is unanimous. When you force ducks or geese to eat so much their livers expand to more than 10 times their normal size, that causes death rates among the animals to skyrocket," he says. Instead, he suggests New York chefs should follow in the footsteps of some Chicago culinary masters, who created vegetarian foie gras alternatives after it was banned there in 2006.

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Cocktail of the week

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How to make it:
Muddle solid ingredients, mix with liquids in shaker and shake. Serve in a martini glass.

Where to drink it
The Two e Bar/Lounge located in the famous Pierre hotel (2 E. 61st. St.). Try it during the Worldly Cocktail Festival, which uses indigenous ingredients from countries around the world to build the ultimate cocktail. Or stop by tonight at 9 for the tree-lighting ceremony. Just remember to bring your passport — if it's stamped with any of the countries that are part of the festival, you get 50 percent off the drink.

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music&listings

Seger moves 'Old Time Rock and Roll' into the digital age

The singer talks about new technology, old friendships, spending half a century in the music industry and his first dozen years of struggle

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▶ Seger's older now, but still runnin' against the wind.

If you've ever looked for songs by Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band on digital outlets, you have likely been disappointed when the search yielded results by artists with names like Night Moves and The Ultimate Bob Seger Cover Band. And next to the song titles you would have seen disclaimers like "as made famous by Bob Seger."

But the classic rocker's reluctance to go digital has finally subsided. This year has seen the digital release of two classic live albums, a rarities collection and Seger's new ultimate hits compilation, "Rock and Roll Never Forgets," which came out online on the same day it landed in stores.

"I just felt it was time," says Seger. "We're one of the last ones to do it, and I felt like I would like to have people have the opportunity to get it. As it goes along, we're still doing it piece-meal. But that's my management's decision, and I don't question that. I've had the same guy for 45 years. ... So I'm not going to question how he does business."

There are a few surprising revelations in the last portion of that quote: First, that Seger has been in the business for at least 45 years. And second, that he would have such loyalty to the same manager in an industry where the business is historically so fickle.

But devotion and dedication are hallmarks of his career. Throughout our discussion, Seger makes sure to give his Silver Bullet Band members due credit.

"I love the way Alto played horn on it," he enthuses about sax man Alto Reed's part on the powerful road warrior ballad, "Turn the Page."

As for his career's timespan, that's well chronicled in the title track of "Rock and Roll Never Forgets."

"I had like 12 years before I ever made any money," he says. "We did a lot of clubs, a lot of high schools, you name it. And then after 12 years — in 1975 — I broke through."

And he's been here ever since, like a rock.

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Q&A

'Rock and Roll Never Forgets' (but sometimes it gets the dates wrong)

In his classic, "Night Moves," he recounts, "I was humming a song from 1962." So, what was that song? "Oh, I'm glad you asked that," he enthuses. "'Be My Baby' by the Ronettes! And then I was fortunate enough to meet Ronnie and she told me something that just blew my mind, that she tried to sing like Frankie Lymon ... from the 1950s, and I never put the two together. And then I listened to her and I said, 'Oh my gosh, that's right!'"

food&nightlife

Hellenic flavors come stateside

One Greek word that has no literal translation in English is "philoxenia," which loosely means to take care of a stranger — providing everything from food, to shelter, to love. Maria Loi embodies this philosophy: When we visited her new Greek restaurant, Loi, she welcomed us as if we were guests in her own home. And, like a good Greek mother, asked us on more than one occasion to take a break from our questions and try her food. It's a request we were more than happy to oblige.

▶ Maria Loi has opened her first restaurant in the U.S., Loi, at 208 W. 70th St. (212-875-8600).

GENE SHAW

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You've had a lot of success in Greece. Why did you want to open a restaurant in America?
I want to take Greek food, my great grandmother's recipes, beyond Greece. I never met my great-grandmother; I had the [recipe] book that she had. I still have it — wherever I go, I don't leave it. New Yorkers, they are foodies. New Yorkers are ready for this kind of Greek food.

What was the biggest challenge in opening your restaurant?
I didn't come over here to open a restaurant — I came for somebody else, to consult him. But when I came [to] this restaurant, when I walked by the door I said, "Uh-oh, what is this?" The handle by the door, it's my initials in Greek: M.L. I got goosebumps. I said, "This is fate. This is my place. This is my restaurant." The guys, they said, "We'll buy this." I said, "No, I'm gonna get the restaurant."

Were they mad?
No. And I said, "I will help you to get any other restaurant, but this is me," and they saw that.

Where do you hope to take this restaurant?
[To] every day make new things. Every day, this is what we're doing, every day from 9 o'clock in the morning, seven days. Even when I sleep, I dream recipes.

Did you ever find it difficult being a woman in this industry?
Well, I have to tell you, I never felt that I was a second-class citizen. I think that there's a difference, of course, with a woman chef and a man chef [in] that I cannot lift a heavy pan. I think this is the [only] difference.

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Restaurant news & notes

The Orchard House

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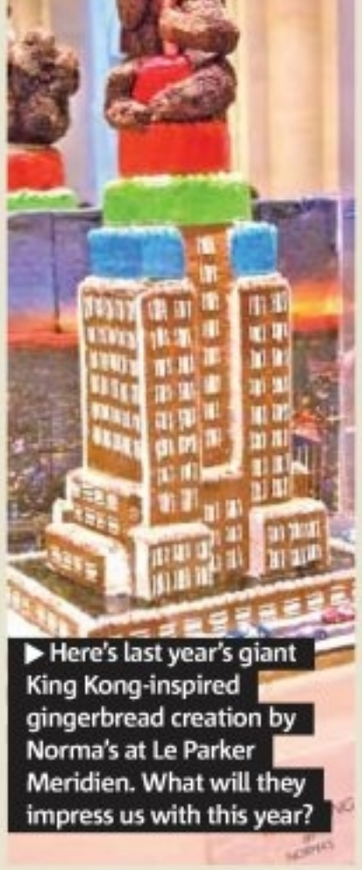

▶ Here's last year's giant King Kong-inspired gingerbread creation by Norma's at Le Parker Meridien. What will they impress us with this year?

Gingerbread extravaganza

We all know the story of Hansel and Gretel and that decedent gingerbread house in the forest. Now, New York's best bakeries and restaurants have created their own gingerbread creations, which will be open for public voting in the lobby of Le Parker Meridien hotel from now until early January. Tickets to vote are $1, and all proceeds will be donated to City Harvest to feed NYC's hungry.
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- ***Allan! <3 your little tomato***
- *Ricky, I tapped into the darkest and shaded part of my mind for your entertainment, for you bring me light. 100 million, billion, trillion times. Loving you this much, Ginger*

Shrink wrap

Dr. JANE GREER
RELATIONSHIP EXPERT

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BIRTH CONTROL?

Justin Bieber was recently accused of fathering a child with a woman he allegedly had a brief sexual encounter with after one of his concerts. The mere thought that this could be true is one "baby" too many for the singer of the hit song by the same name. But it clearly raises the question of who is responsible for using birth control.

Sex happens, that's a fact. Sometimes it's planned, sometimes it's spontaneous, but it should always be something that takes thought and care. There are more forms than ever of birth control out there, so there is really no excuse to let it slide. Being mindful about contraception is a way to protect not only yourself but also your relationship. But who should pay attention, and who should make sure the protection is used?

Some say it is the man's job, others say it's the woman's. I say every person who is going to have sex is responsible for making sure they are putting protection in place. In the ideal world, this would be a joint discussion. But realistically, we have to accept that people get caught up in the moment. If you are sexually active, you owe it to yourself to make sure you are not leaving it up to the other person and that you are always prepared.

Quoted

"You owe it to yourself to make sure you are not leaving it up to the other person."

Keep in mind, too, that there are times when you and your sexual partner aren't coming from the same place and may have different intentions. Avoiding pregnancy isn't always everyone's top priority. Don't blindly trust that you and your partner are on the same page. Take matters into your own hands.

Who knows? The woman who is accusing Justin of being her baby's father may have wanted it that way. In the end, it is better to have too much protection than too little.

*— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** is the creator of **"Shrink Wrap"** – national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of **"Let's Talk Sex"** at **Healthylife.net.** Her book, **"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"** is available nationwide.*

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BROKEN ROAD

The Jets are a disastrous 1-4 on the road this season ◗ Team heads to Washington this weekend for another must-win game ◗ Fullback Conner: 'We need to get that swagger back'

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▶ Mark Sanchez and the Jets have been pitiful on the road this season, something they will try to rectify as they travel to Washington this Sunday.

There is no place like home.

The Jets, who are 5-1 this season inside the confines of MetLife Stadium, aren't finding the same success on the road.

In their first two seasons under head coach Rex Ryan, the Jets were 11-5 on the road in the regular season. It was still friendly skies for the Jets come playoff time as all six of their postseason games were on the road, posting a 4-2 mark.

The Jets have completely flipped that success this year — and then some — going 1-4 away from home.

"As far as being on the road, there's no different mentality this year; we take it week by week. It's a huge change [from last year]. I don't know why," right tackle Wayne Hunter said. "We've been inconsistent all year, home or on the road, so that's been the major problem."

Injury report

For the most part it was good news on the injury front for the Jets this week.

- **WR Jeremy Kerley,** who missed the last two games, participated fully in practice yesterday and should play against Washington.
- Also back practicing after missing two games was **RB LaDainian Tomlinson.**
- The bad news is **DE Mike DeVito** still isn't practicing and is likely out Sunday.

There doesn't seem to be an excuse for the Jets other than their road schedule has been brutal this season. Three of their losses — in Oakland, Baltimore and New England — came against teams currently at the top of their divisions.

"I give credit to the teams that beat us, but at the same time, we haven't played Jets football. They might have been games on the road but we didn't do ourselves any favors," Hunter said. "We got outplayed in those game in two of the three phases. That's not good enough at home or on the road."

"It's just on us. We've played in a lot of tough environments; we just need to get back to that way of playing [from last year]," fullback John Conner said. "I can't understand it; I can't explain it. It's all about us — playing with confidence, playing as a team and trusting in our assignments. That's what is important and we need to make sure we do that and get that swagger back."

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Johnson's antics earn him $10K fine from NFL

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▶ Johnson

It wasn't two years in jail, but Bills receiver Stevie Johnson still got himself punished for "shooting" himself in the leg.

Johnson mocked Plaxico Burress by pretending to shoot himself in the leg after scoring a touchdown against the Jets on Sunday. He also made fun of Santonio Holmes's celebration by pretending to be a jet crashing in the end zone.

Johnson texted Burress after the game to apologize.

Many of his Jets teammates took offense to the mockery, but if Burress himself did, he wasn't showing it.

Burress was dismissive when asked about the fine yesterday at practice.

"He can pay for it; he can afford it," Burress said. "That's about it."

Burress said he had no problem with Johnson, complimented his talent and even called him "a very charismatic guy."

MARK OSBORNE

NBA Rumors

1. Talk about Chris Paul being traded to Boston might not matter, as Paul has said he won't sign an extension.
2. ESPN reported the Nets are preparing an offer for Magic center Dwight Howard. It would include Brook Lopez and two first-round picks.
3. Part of convincing Howard to come to the future Brooklyn Nets would be re-signing Deron Williams, whose agent Nets GM Billy King spoke to early yesterday.

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'What is wrong with the Giants?'

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▶ The Giants face 11-0 Green Bay this Sunday at home.

The Giants are about as beat down mentally as they are physically. And if that's not bad enough, Big Blue is currently in the midst of a three-game losing streak with the defending champion Packers up next.

Following Monday night's shellacking at the hands of the Saints, head coach Tom Coughlin has had to quickly circle the wagons and remind his team they're still worthy of playoff contention.

"It's tough, because we know in the back of everyone's head they are going to say, 'What's wrong with the Giants' after three straight losses," Justin Tuck said. "But for us, we look forward to the next game because we feel like it's the playoffs right now. We aren't going to sit here and feel sorry for ourselves. We are going to go out there and fight."

17 The Packers have won 17 straight games going back to last year. It started with a win over the Giants in Week 16 last season.

Antrel Rolle, who is always good for a feisty soundbite, said no one is going to feel sorry for them.

"We're going to fight. I don't care what corner we're going to back ourselves up to," Rolle said. "We are professional football players. We are the New York football Giants. We are not going to go out without a fight."

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Here are teams with the worst schedules for fantasy production in Weeks 15 and 16.

Sorry, St. Louis

The Rams host the Bengals in Week 15 and then travel to Pittsburgh in Week 16. Yikes. Owners riding **Steven Jackson** need to explore other options and **Brandon Lloyd** deserves a downgrade as well.

Being Frank

Frank Gore's role in the passing game has been reduced to nil. His burst is also gone. And in the fantasy playoffs, he'll face the dominant run defenses of the Steelers and Seahawks. Also, **Vernon Davis** will be asked to block more than catch in these spots.

Lynch mob

Marshawn Lynch's surprising run of exceptional play is going to end soon. He has no chance in Chicago come Week 15 and he'll get swallowed up by the Niners in Week 16.

Frank Gore

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NFL news

Yates' poem

▶ **T.J. Yates** is now the Texans' starting QB. Although that sounds bad, Yates isn't nearly as inept as Tyler Palko. Yates started 44 games for UNC, has ideal size and was a favorite of draftniks. Andre Johnson remains a must-start.

Top NFL pickups

Donald Brown

▶ **RB, Colts**
Right now, Brown is simply a better player than Joseph Addai. He'll lead Indy in carries going forward.

Riley Cooper

▶ **WR, Eagles**
Jeremy Maclin remains sidelined. Vince Young has targeted Cooper 16 times in the last two games.

Maurice Morris

▶ **RB, Lions**
With Kevin Smith (ankle) in doubt, Morris will get plenty of checkdowns once again this week.

St. John's ready for No. 1 Cats

If St. John's basketball is going to pull off the first huge win of the Steve Lavin era they are going to have to do it with a different coach at the helm.

The Red Storm (4-3) head to the University of Kentucky to take on the top-ranked Wildcats tonight at 7:30 on ESPN2.

Lavin won't be making the trip to Lexington, Ky., as he continues to recover from prostate cancer surgery he underwent this October. Lavin coached four games, but said recently he rushed back and wanted to take some time off from being on the sideline.

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His assistant Mike Dunlap will step in as they face John Calipari's Kentucky team many expect to win the national title.

The Cats are 6-0 and have three returning players from last year's Final Four. METRO

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